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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., May 20, 2005 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.19 million cattle on feed on May 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 4 percent from last year and 5 percent above May 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 320,000 head, the same as the last two years.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 380,000 head, down 10 percent from last year and 2003. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 head, the same as April 2004 and 2003.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above May 1, 2004 and 1 percent above May 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 9 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during April, 7 percent below 2004 but 43 percent above 2003.

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